

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0018913 to Brezak et al. and rejected claims 3 and 6-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brezak et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,331 to Kato.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 8, 10-12 and 14-16. No new matter has been added.

Amended claim 1 describes the first service ticket being received from a key distribution center. As shown in Figure 1 of the present application, the key distribution center (104) is separate and distinct from the third party server (107). While Brezak et al. does show a trusted third party (204) in Figure 2, this server does not BOTH issue service tickets AND receive requests for access information to access content.

With respect to claims 8 and 17, Applicant does not understand the Examiner's basis for the rejection. First, the Examiner asserts that Brezak et al. teaches "issuing a key reply" in paragraph [0048]. To what is Brezak et al. issuing a key reply? The Examiner appears to assert that Brezak et al. issue a key reply at random. Regardless, Applicant has amended claim 8 to include the fact that the key request is issued from a client. The messages 230 and 232 in Figure 2 of Brezak et al. are between the server A 210 and the trusted third party 204 and do not involve a message from a client.

Claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed claim.

CONCLUSION

No additional fees beyond those for a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension are believed due. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

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